

District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

M.E.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01548-JNW

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
November 19, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until April 14, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to schedule an interview and adjudicate her asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on December 6, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until April 14, 2025.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
3 P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
5 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for January 14, 2025. USCIS
6 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 90 days of the interview,
7 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
8 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
9 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to
10 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit
11 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication
12 delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will
13 need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Accordingly, the parties request this
14 abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process her asylum
15 application.

16 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the
17 case in abeyance until April 14, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or before April
18 14, 2025.

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DATED this 19th day of November, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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*I certify that this memorandum contains 373
words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until April 14, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before April 14, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2024.



JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD
United States District Judge